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10/688787**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	56
Claims	4
Abstract	1
Declaration	[To be Filed at a Later Date]
Drawing(s)	20

## Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 3 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/764,779, filed January 17, 2001, which is a continuation of serial no. 09/224,577, filed December 31, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of serial no. 09/136,706, filed August 19, 1998. The disclosure

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of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

There are 22 total claims, 3 of which are independent.

Basic filing fee	\$0
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Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$43	\$0
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